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Whitetails Unlimited Hits Homer for SANDS



Kevin Harrington, Field Director with Whitetails Unlimited stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun for a very special SANDS member. This gentleman was not going to be able to participate in the Boyer Chute deer hunt that he really wanted to go on because of the cost of the tags. It's not easy to afford recreational activities or equipment living on a fixed income.

During a meeting with Jim Swenson, East Regional Manager Parks Division and Jeff Rawlinson, Outdoor Education Specialist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the idea was discussed of sponsoring hunting and fishing events to help alleviate the cost to those members not able to afford the license or tags. There was a consensus at that meeting that this was a good idea and that it should be implemented within

the SANDS program.

Dave Burgess took that idea and went to Harrington about sponsoring a hunter for the Boyer Chute event in October. Kevin was more than happy to help this hunter out. Now, due to the generosity of Whitetails Unlimited, one more person is going to be able to get out and enjoy the great Nebraska Outdoors.

The Lincoln Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited will be holding a Dinner Event August 24th, if you would like more information about Whitetails Unlimited contact Dave Burgess at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com or you can call at 402-559-3743 Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. and he will put you in touch with Harrington.

Thank You Kevin and all the members of Whitetails Unlimited!!!

Boyer Chute Hunt—Apply NOW!

On October 7th and 8th, there will be an antlerless archery deer hunt for six members of SANDS who have a disability and their partners. Boyer Chute manager Mike Ellis is going to open up an area near the offices for this event.

This area is not normally hunted so the chances of seeing deer should be good. Ground Blinds that have been donated to SANDS by Cabela's will be set up for the hunters to use, **at no cost**. You will need to have a "Season of Choice Area 21" deer tag for this event. If you would like to hunt this event but are not sure if you can afford the cost of the tag, get with Dave Burgess and he will try to get a sponsor for you. There are no guarantees of finding a sponsor.

If you are interested in applying to hunt at this event, you need to contact Dave Burgess with your information 402-559-3743.

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SANDS Equipment Update

As you know, SANDS now offers equipment to lend out to the members. We have ground blinds, fishing poles, tackle boxes and tackle. And now, because of Kelly Joneson and Eagle Claw hooks we have much more. Kelly donated eight tackle boxes with lots of tackle and three portable fish finders and assorted items to the SANDS program. Eagle Claw donated a year's supply of hooks and tackle to SANDS.

If you have old equipment that is need of minor repairs or items that are no longer being used and you want to donate them to a good cause, think about donating them to SANDS. All donations will go to aiding individuals with and without disabilities so they can participate in outdoor activities at no charge. Any fishing or hunting gear that you wish can be donated by contacting Dave Burgess at 402-559-3743 Monday through Friday 8a to 4p, if there is no answer, please leave a message. I will come to your house and pick up anything that you have.

Remember this equipment is available for all members to use, it is not just for individuals with disabilities. If you are a member you can sign out any equipment we have that you need. Thank you one and all for your generous donations.

It's A Picnic! Come and Get It!

The SANDS Year-End Picnic will be held on September 9th from 10a to 2p at Lake Zorinsky. We will be in the area of the wheelchair accessible dock, so bring your fishing gear. Remember you must have a Nebraska fishing license with you.

We will be having hot dogs, chips and cold drinks. If this isn't on your diet, feel free to bring whatever you need and we will share the grill with you. This will be a great chance to meet other SANDS members and work out some hunting and fishing trips for the last of the year. .

If you would like to bring a side dish, please feel free. I am sure that everyone will appreciate it. There is no cost for this picnic, so "Come One-Come All to a Day of Fun and Food."

Please RSVP no later than 4pm September 6th 2006 with your information. If you have any questions please contact Dave at 402-559-3743, Monday through Friday from 8a to 4p. If there is no answer just leave your information on the voice mail.